GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT WITH CHINA TO CHECK NARCOTIC SMUGGLING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has agreed to cooperate China at the internal level to stop the smuggling of narcotics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the country through which maximum opium and heroin is being smuggled in India;

(d) whether the Government is holding talks with such countries to check this smuggling;

(e) if so, the time by which an agreement is likely to be signed; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): For cooperation in the field of prevention of illegal production, distribution and trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances including chemical precursors and cyber crimes, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 8.9.2005 between the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and the Ministry of Public Security of the Peoples Republic of China.

(c): The maximum quantity of heroin is reportedly being smuggled into India from Pakistan.

(d) to (f): Regular talks are being held with Pakistan to check smuggling of drugs across the border and for signing Agreement/MoU on narcotic drugs and related matters.